



Policy Roundtable for Child Care

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATION TO MODIFY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE
POLICY ROUNDTABLE FOR CHILD CARE AND APPROVE THE ATTACHED ORDINANCE
AMENDING SECTION 3.75.020 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE
All Districts (3-Votes)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Modify the membership of the Policy Roundtable for Child Care and approve the attached ordinance amending Section 3.75.020 of Title 3, Advisory Commissions and Committees to:

1. Add a representative of Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP) to Section 3.75.020.B; and
2. Replace "Los Angeles Executives," with that organization's current name, the "Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles," in Section 3.75.020.B (7).

Purpose

The Policy Roundtable for Child Care was established by the Board of Supervisors in March 2000, well before the establishment of LAUP in the Fall 2004. While the missions of these two entities are distinct, effective collaboration between them has the potential to expand and strengthen child care services for young children in Los Angeles County. By including a representative of LAUP on the Roundtable, the intent to work collaboratively is formalized.

The Los Angeles Executives formally changed the name of their organization to the Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles in July 2002.

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Fiscal Impact

There is no cost associated with this action.

Facts and Provisions/Legal Requirements

The mission of the Roundtable, as defined in the County Code, is to serve as the official County body on all matters related to child care. This charge encompasses full and part-day child care services for children from birth through age 12. LAUP's goal is to make preschool services universally accessible to all four-year-old children in Los Angeles County. While the work of these two organizations most obviously intersects at child care services for four-year olds, there is also mutual interest in, but not limited to, the following issues areas:

- the quality of child care services available to all children;
- the affordability of services and the ability to integrate funding resources;
- the accessibility of services, particularly for four year olds; and
- the size and education levels of the early childhood workforce.

Adding a representative of LAUP to the membership of the Policy Roundtable for Child Care will require amending Section 3.75-Policy Roundtable for Child Care of the Los Angeles County Code. The attached ordinance reflects that amendment and updates the name of the Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles, formerly known as "Los Angeles Executives".

Impact on Current Services

Informal efforts have been undertaken to facilitate communication between the Roundtable and LAUP. LAUP staff participated in the Roundtable's retreats in July 2005 and January 2006, and a report from LAUP staff has become a standing agenda item at Policy Roundtable for Child Care monthly meetings. As a member of the Roundtable, the LAUP representative would have the ability to add not only their voice – but also their vote on issues before the Roundtable.

Conclusion

We look forward to your Board's adoption of this recommendation and the ability to formalize our partnership with LAUP.

Sincerely,



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Attachments